



US Supreme Court Case Roe v Wade

- On 22nd January 1973, the **Supreme Court of the United States** ruled in [Roe v. Wade](#) that the **right to an abortion is a fundamental right**.
- The court ruled that the **constitutional right to privacy** includes a woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion or not. The court applied the constitutional **principles of privacy and liberty to a woman's ability to terminate a pregnancy**.
- However, the government can still regulate or restrict abortion access depending on the **stage of pregnancy**.
 - The ruling also stated that a person can choose to have an abortion until a **fetus becomes viable**, which is usually between 24 and 28 weeks after conception.
- Prior to Roe v. Wade, abortion **had been illegal throughout much of the country**. Since the 1973 ruling, many states have **imposed restrictions on abortion rights**.
- The **Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, in 2022**, ruling that there was **no longer a federal constitutional right to an abortion**. Court upheld a **Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy**.
 - The decision overturned 50 years of legal protection and paved the way for **individual states to curtail or ban abortion rights**.

Read more: [US' Roe v. Wade Case 1973](#)

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